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What a Hoot



Owl City performs at McCain

Melissa Short | COLLEGIAN

McCain Auditorium was packed with music lovers of every age last night for a sold-out performance by Owl City. From squealing teenage girls in handmade shirts to packs of fraternity brothers, a chance to see Owl City brought out fans from all walks of life.

"Owl City is just awesome," said Corbin McMillin, Wamego resident. "They are really easy to sing along to." McMillin and his girlfriend heard about the show from friends and traveled from Wamego to see the radio sensation in person.

"Fireflies is for sure my favorite song. It is catchy and has a really cool music video," McMillin said.

The concert was sponsored by Union Program Council as a way to kick off the semester and, like the rest of Owl City's tour, was completely sold out. Tickets were sold at a discounted price for students and a VIP package, including a signed poster and front row seating, was offered.

Two alternative and rock groups, Hot Chelle Rae and Stephen Speaks, opened for Owl City and kept the anxious audience entertained with love songs, club-worthy dance tracks and a little bit of country.

"I had never heard of Hot Chelle Rae before tonight, but they really got the crowd into it. Their Katy Perry 'Hot 'N Cold' cover was pretty cool," McMillin said.

After a short intermission Owl City took the stage and brought the crowd to their feet. With flashing lights, smoke and a band ranging from keyboard to cello, Adam Young and the rest of Owl City kept the crowd cheering and singing along throughout the show.

"My favorite song is Vanilla Twilight. Owl City is cool because everything is done by one guy, and that is pretty legit," said James Dodin, sophomore in mechanical engineering. Dodin said he first heard Owl City while they were touring with Reliant K this summer, and he has been listening ever since.

As the first melodic notes of 'Fireflies' began to play, the auditorium erupted into cheers and joined Young in singing the catchy song, currently number five on the Billboard Hot 100.

"I first heard them when they were playing on the radio. I can't say I have a favorite song. I just like the whole CD," said Rachel Cunningham, senior in public relations and marketing.

Owl City has found their niche in pop music, putting a unique spin on the alternative techno rock made popular by groups like Postal Service and Boys Like Girls. They have gained fans of all ages with their almost hypnotic melodies and brought all of McCain Auditorium to their feet with a dynamic, energetic performance last night.



OWL CITY

Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN

Billboard Hot 100 #1 single artist Owl City, an electronic group consisting solely of Minnesota native Adam Young, took to the stage at McCain Auditorium as part of the Union Program Council's Winter Back-to-School Concert.

Seat belts save lives

Austin Enns | COLLEGIAN

Lauren Record was driving to Kansas City to see a concert with two friends when a U-Haul pulled into her lane. In the process of trying to avoid the U-Haul, her car slid, and she overcorrected. This over-correction slammed her car into the median on the left side of the highway, and the force bounced the car into the right median, and then into the left median, and then the right median again, when it finally flipped over.

Record, freshman in open option, was traumatized by the experience.

"I haven't driven since," Record said.

Fortunately, Lauren and her passengers took proper safety measures for the trip.

Nicholas Wolf, one of the passengers in the car, said, "We

were all wearing our seat belts, which I am 100 percent sure saved our lives."

According to the Web site of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, seat belts have saved 147,246 lives over a 26-year period from 1975 to 2001. That averages out to about 5,500 lives a year, or 15 people every day. To put that in perspective, the number of people saved by seat belts every year equals about one fourth of the students on the K-State campus.

While they were glad that they could add to the number of lives saved by seat belts, the three occupants of car did not make it out of the wreck completely uninjured. Wolf had glass cuts on his hand, and Stephanie Carr, the third passenger and junior in digi-

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Census survey online for students

Jordann Pfannenstiel | COLLEGIAN

E-mails will be sent out Friday regarding the Census Adjustment survey. The information concerning the survey has been e-mailed to students since December. So far under 10,000 students have replied at K-State. Students are required to fill out the survey as part of the Kansas Constitution in order for Kansas to report individuals' permanent addresses to get an account of the residents of Kansas and remove individuals who are not residents of Kansas.

Dr. Carla Jones, Assistant Vice President and Senior Associate Dean of Student Life, said there was a hold on student accounts until the survey was filled out, but it was removed earlier this month. Beginning Monday, the holds on students' iSIS accounts will be reinvoked and will not be dropped until the survey is completed by the student. E-mails sent on Friday will provide the information on how to complete the survey.

Elections found unconstitutional

Danny Davis | COLLEGIAN

Last semester, the Student Governing Association focused heavily on revising its election policies. They passed several bills which amended the SGA Constitution and SGA By-laws.

The goal for the revisions was to reduce the amount of time that the appeals process will take during the elections.

SGA's solution to this problem was to remove the Elections Review Committee, which existed to oversee the Elections Commissioner. The Commissioner is the person who oversees the elections and ensures fairness of campaigns.

During the SGA meetings

last semester, the two bills went back to the Governmental Relations Committee several times to gain more input from senators. One of the key concerns during the meetings was that there would be a large amount of power vested in one person, the Commissioner.

During last year's SGA elections, the Commissioner resigned amid allegations of bias.

Shortly before the final bills were voted on, it was realized that there was no provision for the removal of the Commissioner in the new amendments. SGA quickly added a provision

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POLICE REPORT

Woman arrested on warrant for second-degree murder

An arrest was made this week in the case of a murdered Manhattan man, said Riley County Police Department Lt. Herbert Crosby, Jr.

Cathy Itoney, 33, of 107 Missouri Ave., Alma, Kan., was arrested on Wednesday in Wabaunsee

County on a Riley County warrant for murder in the second degree, according to an RCPD press release.

Itoney is being held in the Wabaunsee County Jail on a \$100,000 bond, and her transfer to the Riley County Jail is pending,

according to the release.

The warrant for her arrest was issued in conjunction with the death of Thomas Itoney, 75, of 2518 Candle Crest, on Oct. 11; there is no other anticipated arrest in the incident, according to the release.

TRIBUNAL

Committee instead of one person

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in the event that an issue should arise.

Some senators were not satisfied with the revisions and felt them to be unconstitutional. George Weston, senator and graduate student in public administration, began a petition to present to the Student Tribunal and collected signatures from many K-State students.

"I attached the bills along with it so people could see what the changes were," Weston said.

Weston argued that the appeal process would actually take longer without the review committee.

"If it's just one person's opinion, there's more likely to be an appeal," Weston said, referring to the Elections Commissioner. The appeal would then go to the tribunal.

He presented the petition to the tribunal to challenge the constitutionality of the bills. Within the petition, he asked the tribunal if the process for removal of the Commissioner was consistent with the SGA Constitution, and if the bills were in the best interest of the

SGA.

The tribunal found that the removal process for the Commissioner was not consistent with the Constitution. In the report, the tribunal noted that the approval process for Commissioner is similar to other SGA positions, and then suggested that the removal process should be similar as well.

Additionally, the tribunal found the changes were not in the best interest of the SGA. It stated that the Commissioner would be a hindrance to a fair elections process, as the Commissioner would be both investigator and judge.

"We just wanted to make sure the bills were on par with the SGA Constitution and By-laws," said Catelyn Kostbar, senior in English and Chancellor of the Student Tribunal.

She said that a petition to the tribunal had not happened in years, and that it was her first time after serving on the tribunal for three years.

Weston said he was pleased with the tribunal's decision.

"I didn't know if it would be overturned or not. It took a lot of time

to do this," he said.

Student Body President Dalton Henry, senior in agricultural economics, agricultural communications and journalism, said the tribunal did not notify Speaker of the Student Senate Amy Schulz or himself, and that most of the senate is unaware of the ruling.

"We had open committee meetings and invited discussion about the bills," Henry said.

Henry did not see the need for the petition given the amount of time spent crafting the bills and the participation from SGA senators.

"A lot of questions with concern about constitutionality were asked," Weston said. "And they were ignored in my opinion. I offered changes to make them constitutional but there was no interest in that."

Now that the tribunal has rendered the election changes unconstitutional, the Student Senate must decide how to proceed for the elections in the spring. The senate has scheduled to hold its first meeting of the new semester for Jan. 28 at 7 p.m.

Kansas Academic Decathlon

Joseph Sommers | COLLEGIAN

MANHATTAN — The Kansas Academic Decathlon will be Friday and Saturday at the K-State Student Union. The event will be hosted by K-State's chapter of Mortar Board, which is a national senior honor society.

Teams comprised of students from high schools around Kansas will compete in 10 academic events aimed at

testing their knowledge of art, economics, mathematics, music, social sciences and language and literature. This year's theme is the French Revolution.

According to Tyler Axman, publicity director for the Kansas State Mortar Board Senior Honor Society, the decathlon will conclude with a super quiz Saturday night, in which teams earn points for correctly answering questions in a head-to-head competition.

"Blizzard Beach" offers indoor ice skating, hot chocolate, more

Tiffany Roney | COLLEGIAN

Imagine going ice-skating for free in the K-State Student Union. "Blizzard Beach," an upcoming event, offers ice-skating, hot chocolate, a balloon artist and more — all for free.

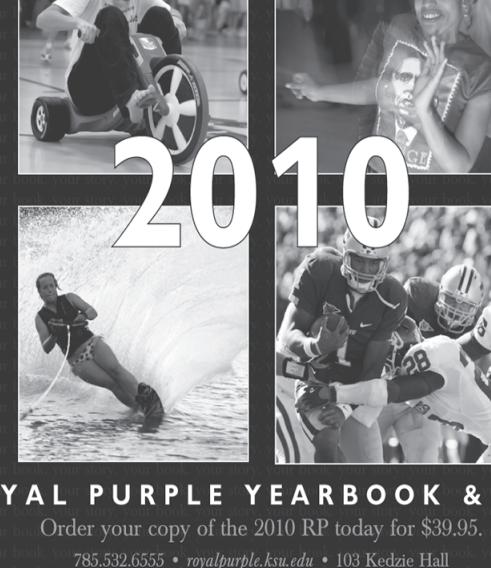
The skating rink will be in the middle of the Union Courtyard, said Karina Garcia, junior in speech pathology and community co-chair of the Union Program Council.

"We're trying to do a wintry-esque theme," Garcia said. "We thought bringing in an ice-skating rink would be something cool and fun that has never happened before. It should be really great."

Though the wintry theme is unique to 2010, the event as a whole is an annual one, known as the Wildcat Winter Expo and Activities Carnival.

The carnival features information on 120 student organizations and break-out sessions on time, stress and financial management. To lighten the mood after discussing stress and money issues, the carnival also offers an opportunity for students to make their own lip balm.

"Blizzard Beach" is sponsored by K-State Healthy Decisions, Office of Student Activities and Services and UPC. It will be held today from 6-8 p.m. in the Union.



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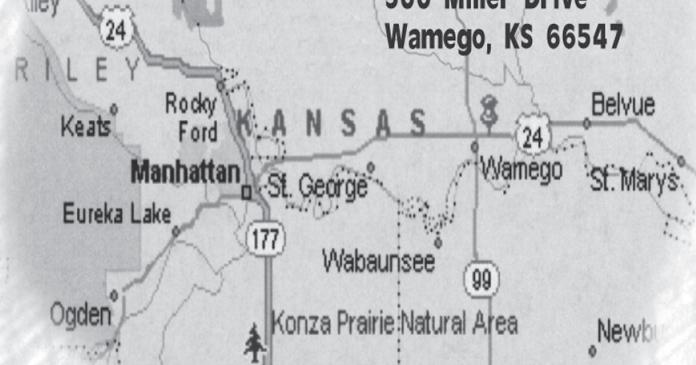
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Road Rage



Illustration by Erin Logan

Potholes becoming increasingly common, dangerous in Manhattan



Karen Ingram

This has been an incredibly wacky and bad winter. Unless you spent winter break on the moon, you're probably already aware of this, and I think the condition of the streets in Manhattan are a testament to just how rough this winter has been. I have never seen so many potholes in town in my life, HUGE potholes, and all conveniently located on main roads, like Fort Riley Blvd.

Bluemont Avenue east of Juliette is a sick, sorry mess right now. It doesn't matter which direction I'm going, I stick to the left lane or take a side street because I'm sick of weav-

ing around these black holes of death that look as though they could swallow a Mini Cooper whole. The only road I have ever seen in the Manhattan area that was worse was Eureka Drive back in 2000, which featured a giant hole in the middle of it for seemingly no reason at all.

This begs the question: why isn't anything being done about them?

Topeka Police Department Captain Darin Scott issued a letter on Monday to Topeka citizens explaining how the weather has adversely effected the roads, warning them to drive safely, asking people to do their part by calling in potholes on their 24-hour hotline and assuring them that crews would be out this week to work on the problem.

As of writing this editorial, Tuesday morning, no such statement has been issued by anybody in Manhattan. I Googled it just to be sure. I

also have yet to see any crews even look at the potholes. Nobody has attempted to make any sort of temporary solution by shoveling gravel into them, throwing a plank over top of them, setting up traffic cones or asking Frank Martin to scold them.

Instead, drivers are left blindly unaware of what's going on and swerve dangerously close to the car alongside them or drop right into the pothole, resulting in many choice words not suitable to be printed in this column. It's amusing to watch, so long as I'm not the one getting swerved into or using the choice words, but after several weeks, I am getting more than a little wary every time I have to drive somewhere; aren't you?

Perhaps by the time this goes to print on Thursday, progress will have been made, but I have my doubts. Progress is a notoriously slow-moving beast in Manhattan. Three-

legged dogs have been known to outpace progress in Manhattan by simply curling up and taking a nap.

So, since nobody else has issued a statement concerning the road conditions in Manhattan, I am taking it upon myself to warn all citizens, students, visitors and Mini Coopers about the hazards that await you: Driver beware! There are potholes everywhere the size of a tenured professor's ego, and they will damage your tires if you plow through them. Stop texting and keep your eyes peeled, keep a safe distance behind the vehicle in front of you so you can see what you're doing, and whatever you do, don't feed them. The last thing we need is for these things to start breeding and sending their kids to school with us.

Karen Ingram is a sophomore in English. Please send comments to opinion@pub.ksu.edu.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Environmental concerns do not trump other ones

Dear Editor,

I wanted to comment on the Tuesday letter to the editor by Prof. Walter Dodds about the fireplaces at the Leadership Studies Building. While I certainly agree that the natural gas consumed by these fireplaces adds to our overall campus greenhouse gas emissions and will contribute to climate change, I think it's important to put these fireplaces into context.

I, too, asked the Leadership Studies program about the inclusion of these fireplaces in a LEED building. It was interesting to me to learn that the fireplaces at the old Leadership Studies location were consistently mentioned by student focus groups as creating a great atmosphere for the activities at the center of their program. This is

why they're in the new building.

In addition, they will only be fired when it's cold outside, and only when a group is gathered. Leadership Studies staff are in control of the usage, and they are committed to only using them when appropriate. Furthermore, the building is specified to use 28 percent less than a typical building of its size (according to independent third party LEED professionals), an amount of energy savings that more than compensates for the infrequent use of the new fireplaces.

Environmental design was thankfully a major focus in the design and construction of the new Leadership Studies building. Does that mean environment should be the only consideration? Clearly not. If greenhouse gas emissions or other environmental concerns were our

only priorities, we would close the university. Yet we don't close the university because we have an educational mission which we all believe serves the best interests of society. This is a tension at the heart of the sustainability conversation, that of balancing the triple-bottom-line of environmental, economic and social responsibilities.

Environmental responsibility is an important part of sustainability for K-State, and as K-State's Director of Sustainability, I'm wholeheartedly committed to improving our environmental performance. However, K-State also must serve the mission of our university and do so in a financially responsible manner. The Leadership Studies program strikes me as having made considerable effort to balance environment, social need,

and fiscal responsibility. I would rather focus on that balance than cut them down for a compromise here or there.

Do things like outdoor natural gas fireplaces concern me? You bet they do. Do I think there are still environmental improvements that could be made, even in a "green" new LEED building? Absolutely. All the same, let's not bury the lead here. The fact is that the new building is more energy efficient than most buildings built or in service today, and this fact is truly a mark of distinction and leadership. It may not be environmentally perfect, but it's better than it would have been without the leadership of the Leadership Studies program.

Ben Champion
K-STATE DIRECTOR OF SUSTAINABILITY

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Sports, programs reasons for optimism



Dalton Henry

Dear Wildcats,

Welcome back to campus. I sincerely hope your winter break was peaceful, relaxing and a great break from school. With the beginning of a new year, comes many exciting times here at K-State in 2010.

Our men's and women's Basketball teams have certainly started the year off right with our No. 9 men's triumphant win over top-ranked Texas and the women's victory over our in-state rival KU. Congrats Wildcats! It was definitely a great start to our spring semester.

This column will be appearing each week in The Collegian once again this semester. If you have any questions, suggestions or additional input for the column, please feel free to e-mail me at dhenry@k-state.edu. It is always great to hear your thoughts and ideas.

The Student Governing Association has a great semester ahead. Look forward to more information about student privilege fees, recent campus crime statistics and information about a new campus safety program called Rave Wireless.

Let's make the best of 2010. Whether it's your first or last semester at K-State, we're glad that you're here.

Dalton Henry
STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

It is a leaf rake

Greetings sentients,

To keep dreams awake, look at your problem like it was a cabbage.

Expect changes, greet them warmly, for there is cereal in the sunset. It knows the way of koalas.

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Sleeeeeeeeeeeeep. **Jesse Riggs**
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Good Food, Bad Atmosphere



Top: Kite's is visible from Highway 24. **Bottom:** The decor includes solid wood tables and numerous televisions to ensure patrons can keep an eye on their chosen sporting event all throughout their visit. Patrons that frequent Kite's include college students, families and other. Kite's also features a large game room with pool tables and arcade machines.

Aaron Eats: a tasteful review of Kite's Grille and Bar

"Kite's Grille and Bar"



Food review by Aaron Weiser

My restaurant review this week is of Kite's Grille and Bar. A flavorful hangout for groups of all ages, many collegiate eaters stop in at one of the local Kite's locations on a weekly basis.

Most college students, truly enjoy eating a hamburger -- a big, beefy burger with trimmings and other fried foods. The bar scene attracts a staggering number of Manhattan residents on a daily basis. With specials on beer from tap and "nightcaps" to help lure in customers, mixed with some karaoke and a prime Aggierville location, Kite's is one of the initial stopping points for a night out.

Being honored by "Redshirt on the Road College Tour," Kite's was named the Ultimate College Sports Bar this past summer in a nationwide competition to find great food, sports and fun. With that kind of reputation on the line and a host of great burgers on the menu, I decided to begin our taste extravaganza this semester with a traditional hangout.

Kite's currently has two locations in Manhattan and another on the way in the Grand Mere development. While I've been to the one in Aggierville

many times, I had never been to the 8200 South Port Dr. location. So my friends and I decided to check it out.

Atmosphere means everything in the restaurant business, and Kite's looks about like any other sports bar -- filled with college-age patrons, families and bachelors still dreaming of their glory days. Packed inside are a number of solid, wood tables and televisions in all rooms, making a cozy environment for the ultimate comfort foods.

The quest for satisfaction truly began upon ordering at Kite's, however. With a large menu full of bar appetizers, hefty, man-size entrees and desserts, there is no lack of choice.

I tried two signature appetizers: the Southwest Egg Rolls and Mozzarella Sticks. While both came out at the same time, one took the top layer off your tongue, and the other was a bit cold. If you like a mountain of mozzarella with a light coating bread, these sticks deliver.

The savory combination of chicken, beans, cheese and fried eggroll coating make the Southwest Egg Rolls my hands-down favorite. As an appetizer to go with drinks, or as a meal, they will please almost any palate.

As far as appetizers go, the portions were on the top of the scale size-wise and, at just 50 cents less than my entrée, also heavy on the ticket.

Buying a burger is like customizing

a car. You've got a base layer and bun, and then you can spruce it up with any combination of cheese, bacon, lettuce, tomato, onion rings, fried eggs, mayo, mustard, ketchup and the list goes on. When I buy a burger, I want something juicy and simple. At Kite's, that's exactly what I got.

The Single Kiter, with American cheese and regular roughage to throw on it, is fine by me. Juicy and pink all the way to the last bite. Packed into a massive, golden bun that is fluffy enough, but not so fluffy you need CPR as you suffocate on the ground. The burger is not dry by any means, yet it is not so greasy the bun gets soaked in your hands either. I give the burger a definite high five.

Alongside this massive burger is a gaping handful of what I have found to be some of the most delicious fries in the town. Steak fries and beef: it's just a simply good combination.

Remember what I said about atmosphere being everything? Well that is the sad truth behind this story and the first restaurant of the year.

I decided to go with a group to Kite's. Food, fun, friends -- it was just going to be a great night out. But then, we decided to accept a table in the "game room". Our big mistake.

We could have sat by other patrons in a moderately noisy area, but we instead were the only people in about a 1,000 square foot room full of pool ta-

bles and arcade machines.

Oh wait ... that's a lie. There were about a half dozen monsterish children running amuck with what seemed like no one who cared about them in sight.

About halfway through the meal the "chilans" (half child, half villain) began what seemed to be an inside soccer game with large chunks of broken glass.

While the waitresses ignored them and parents apparently did not exist, they launched a half-pint-size broken glass around the room and at our table. Twice we told the wait staff, and twice nothing happened. I picked up the glass and set it on the table after we finished.

Being about on par with that little pleasure, it took about 10-15 minutes for our waitress to make it back for refills, orders and with paid tickets and change.

A great burger, eventually a not so happy tummy, and a disappointing show by the service, Kite's gets our first rating of the year. Held up only by the meaty goodness they crank out, I would recommend the restaurant to all those with enough patience for service and appetites for well, not-so-healthy fare. Bar foods, ballgames, and beer.

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GREEK LIFE

Dinner for Thought: Reflections on start of semester



Jamie Weiser

Last week, I had a countless number of butterflies in my stomach. While shopping for textbooks or checking K-State Online, I felt like each K-State student could relate to each other's stress due to classes starting the next day. Although Wednesday was anxious for some, the beautiful 44-degree weather added a tinge of excitement to K-State.

It was an epic day in the winter of 2010. Scarves were shed. Sweaters were thinner. Ungloved hands were visible for the first time in weeks. It was certainly a break from the zero-degree weather to which we were all unfortunately becoming accustomed.

I had not seen many of my K-State friends since winter break began, so I was utterly excited when a few of my Sigma Kappa sorority sisters texted me a simple demand: "WE ARE GOING TO VALENTINO'S FOR DINNER TONIGHT!" I obliged, of course, yearning for a slight taste of spring air. Granted, we live in Kansas, so just an hour after it was so beautiful, I was smacked back into the harsh reality of wintery weather the moment I stepped outside.

After packing five people in a tiny sports car, we arrived at Valentino's. We shared

stories of our winter breaks and how the massive amount of snow affected us. All the while, we practically inhaled as much greasy pizza and garlic breadsticks as our stomachs could hold and our arteries could handle.

While most of us shared our anxieties about the upcoming semester, some were excited for a fresh start. We giggled over the absurdity of some roommate conflicts during the fall semester. We gave the "most uncomfortable roommate situation" award to a friend whose roommate insisted on doing naked yoga (covered in Vaseline and saran wrap to promote as much sweating as possible) every day from 4 to 5 p.m. in their shared dorm room. Needless to say, she's excited for a fresh start in the spring.

As the conversation went on, we realized we were all stressed for different rea-

sons. Hayley is nervous about living up to the GPA demands of the University Honors Program. Holly is preparing for the energy and time it takes to be a successful theatre major. And me? Well I'm not looking forward to overloading my brain with endless knowledge of carbon atoms, chemical structures and organic chemistry reactions.

In spite of our pressures, dinner with my sisters gave me an opportunity to reflect on why I love college. I hope everyone takes the chance to think about how great this new semester can be. Let's go into Spring 2010, ready to face new challenges, experiences, and maybe even more visits to Valentino's.

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Wildcats need to stay focused



Grant Guggisberg

The K-State men's basketball team's recent defeat of No. 1 Texas was huge.

No other words do it justice, so I'll leave it at that. The Wildcats beat the Longhorns using defense, and by scoring the ball any way they could, battling through off nights by senior guard Denis Clemente and junior guard Jacob Pullen.

Instead of the guards leading the way, it was the frontcourt of Jamar Samuels, sophomore, and Curtis Kelly, junior, who worked over Texas' post players to lead the Wildcats to victory.

Head coach Frank Martin said in the press conference after the game that fans don't hold parades in January for big-time wins. Maybe they should - after all, K-State will get another chance to play a top-five team before the month ends. However, they should probably look to keep their focus and use this week to prepare for the Oklahoma State Cowboys.

It is no secret that the last time K-State had a win of this magnitude at home, the first-ever win against the Kansas Jayhawks in Bramlage Coliseum two seasons ago, they dropped the ball the next game in a tough road matchup with Missouri. No disrespect to the Tigers, but with Beasley and Walker on that team, K-State should have taken care of business.

Pullen said after the Texas game he remembers losing to the Tigers that year and this time around, he plans to keep the team focused and not let the big win over Texas disrupt the preparations for Saturday's game against Oklahoma State.

There are several other factors that make keeping the team focused this week easy. The most obvious reason is the Wildcats get all week to prepare for the game. One of the advantages to playing on Big Monday is the team gets an extra couple of practices to prepare for their next opponent the following Saturday. Martin said after the Texas game that the team will use the extra time to prepare for the Cowboys and maintain their focus, not to celebrate all week.

Another reason not to worry is the game is at home. If the Wildcats had to travel to Stillwater, Okla., to play the Cowboys, there would be more cause for concern. But knowing how well this team can play in Bramlage, it is an added advantage that the Wildcats' next road game is not until next Wednesday at Baylor. The team is riding the longest home winning streak in the history of Bramlage Coliseum with 14 straight victories.

Even better than those two reasons, however, is this team is more mature. Sure, they still have young players, but they also have solid senior leadership that has been there before and knows that you cannot get too high or too low after a big victory or a tough loss. Pullen and Clemente will do everything they can to ensure that the Wildcats do not overlook the Cowboys, especially coming off a below-average scoring night for both of them.

Grant Guggisberg is a senior in print journalism. Send comments to sports@pub.ksu.edu.

SPORTS BRIEFS

MEN'S BASKETBALL TICKETS SELL OUT

The K-State Athletic Department has sold all remaining tickets for this season's men's games. Prior to yesterday's announcement, all remaining conference home games were sold out except for the Nebraska game on Feb. 17.

The department has also sold all of tickets for the Big 12 Championship, March 10-13. The event is being held at Kansas City's Sprint Center.

K-STATE ANNOUNCES LINEUP PROCEDURES

The deadline for registering lineup groups for the Jan. 30 game against Kansas is 11:59 p.m. Friday. For those already registered, the lineup begins at 11:30 a.m. after ESPN's College Gameday show. The first roll call will be at noon, with roll calls following each hour at random. At least three members of each group must be in attendance for each roll call. By 3 p.m., all members of each group must be in line for the final roll call. Doors open for ICAT members at 4:30 p.m. and 4:45 p.m. for general admission ticket holders for the 6 p.m. tip. To register your group before the deadline, visit kstatesports.com/powercatpregame.

Trampled



Matt Binter | COLLEGIAN

Freshman guard **Brittany Chambers** goes up for a shot. The Wildcats scored only one three-point basket in the game.

K-State falls to Buffaloes 63-57

Tyler Scott | COLLEGIAN

K-State made a late effort but couldn't thread the needle through the pin in a 63-57 loss to Colorado to go 10-8 overall and 2-2 in conference play.

Both teams traded punches out of the gate, but neither had a big trend of runs. Colorado led at halftime 30-25.

The Wildcats shot a miserable 6 of 28 in the first half from the field, including 1 of 10 from beyond the arc. Senior leader and Preseason Wooden Award Candidate Ashley Sweat only played 14 first half minutes while scoring five points and grabbing four boards.

"I thought we were hooked up defensively," said Colorado head coach Kathy McConnell-Miller. "We switched off a lot on Sweat, and it changed offensively what they were looking for. We felt like no matter who we put on the floor we were a better offensive and defensive team." In the second half K-State was down early and played poorly on defense. However, a technical foul on Colorado senior guard Bianca Smith

helped fuel a late comeback.

The Wildcats were down 55-52 after senior guard Kari Kincaid hit a three-pointer. In the end, the game was sloppy for the Wildcats, and they committed too many turnovers to take another lead.

"We have struggled on the road in the past, and this is a very tough place to play," McConnell-Miller said. "We have always had some good battles here."

K-State finished the game 15 of 53 from the field, shooting 28 percent. It was the team's worst shooting performance since March 6, 2007.

"We were poor offensively and defensively," K-State head coach Deb Patterson said. "We gave Colorado a lot of shots from the rim and beyond the arc."

Sweat finished the game with 13 points and five boards, while freshman guard Brittany Chambers had 16 points to lead all scorers.

"Right now we are a poor consistent low post team," Patterson said. "We are also getting a lot more production from our younger players rather than our senior leaders."

Sweat also recorded two blocks,

moving her past Nicy Ramage into sole possession of the ninth-place slot on K-State's all-time career blocks list with 64.

Colorado was led by junior forward Brittany Spears, who had 15 points and nine rebounds. Freshman guard Chucky Jeffery and Smith also pitched in 13 points.

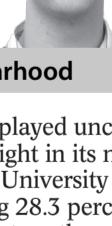
"I felt like they were in more control of this basketball game," Patterson said. "They had great ball distribution and had individual players step up and shoot the ball. We had none of that. When we were successful in the second half, we had some good penetration plays."

Colorado also did not shoot the ball well from the field, going 23 of 50, including seven of 23 from three-point range. Both teams each had 33 rebounds.

"Right now we have a big basket of things we have to bring greater attention of accountability to," Patterson said. "We didn't have a lot of and-one plays tonight, and we need to bring a more aggressive state of mind to each game. We played very passive basketball tonight."

ANALYSIS

Few positives in defeat by CU



Sam Nearhood

K-State played uncharacteristically last night in its narrow 57-53 loss to the University of Colorado.

Shooting 28.3 percent - with 22.2 percent on three-pointers and 79.3 percent on free throws - alongside 13 turnovers, the team lacked much competence in the basic skills of the sport. Even the usual standouts, like senior forward Ashley Sweat and freshman guard Brittany Chambers, did not play up to their customary performances.

The Wildcats kicked off the contest with a sloppy first half, and the trend continued throughout the half. The team also failed to hit any field goals in nearly the last seven minutes. The only redeeming quality seemed to be the apparently low number of personal fouls (3) and high number

of rebounds (21), but these were overshadowed by negatives.

"We didn't do the job defensively. We didn't do the job offensively," head coach Deb Patterson said after the game. "I really don't feel like we had any quality play on the offensive end. By and large, I thought this was a game at which we didn't compete at the level Big 12 requires."

Maybe they were unable to muster sufficient motivation, or maybe they had already checked out, but the Wildcats made no improvements until it was too late in the second half. This time, it took over five minutes for K-State to put up any points despite eight field goal attempts. They shot less than 20 percent from the floor while Colorado hit almost half of its shots. The Wildcats made up for lost time and showed energy, but it was too late.

Given K-State's performance this season, fans can expect to see a turnaround in the future, but this game will certainly burn in the minds of the Wildcats as they take on Nebraska, the top team in the league, this weekend.



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Coach **Deb Patterson** looks on in disappointment as the team struggles. The team will need to have a short memory since it next plays Nebraska, who is No. 1 in the Big 12.

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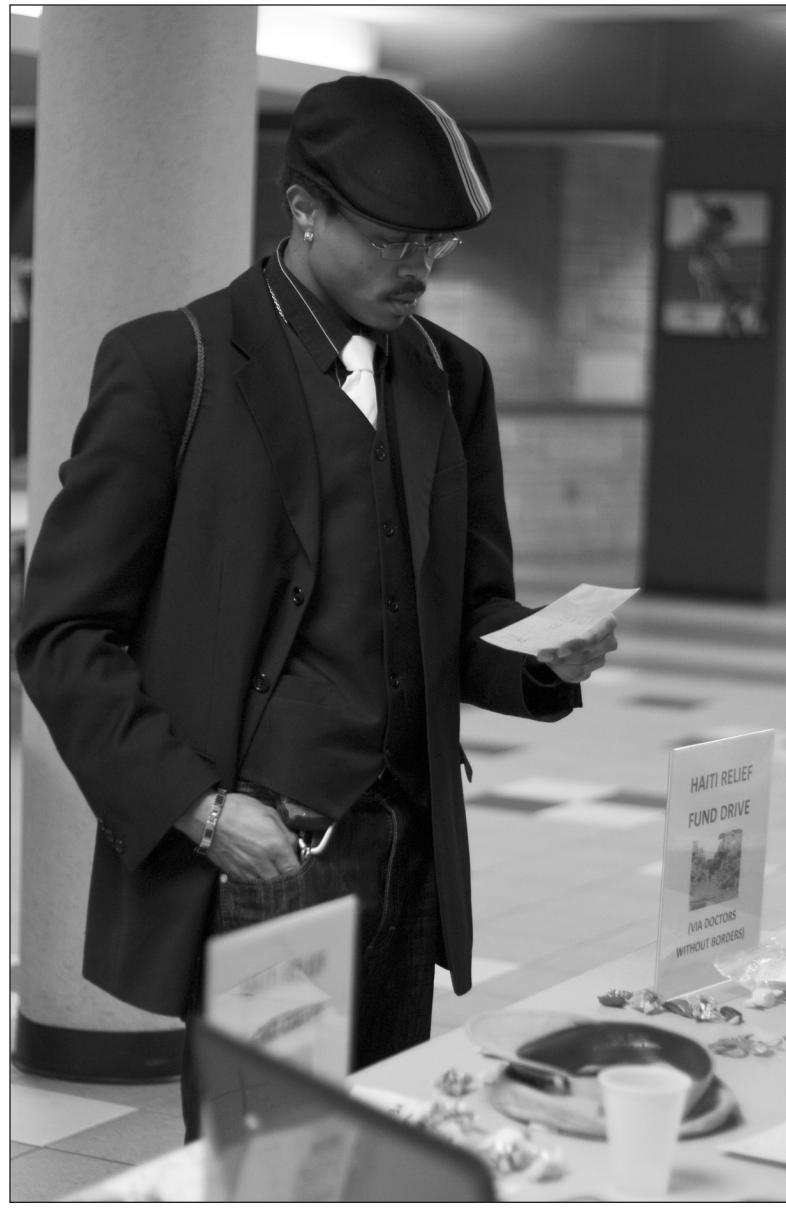
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Student groups collect money to aid victims in Haiti



Tim Schrag | COLLEGIAN

K-Staters dug deep to help raise relief money to help in aid of the victims of the Jan. 12, 7.0-magnitude earthquake in Haiti.

Four campus groups have raised over \$400 in pocket change, cash and even credit/debit for Doctors Without Borders, an international organization dedicated to providing medical aid to people whose survival is threatened by violence or catastrophe, due to various things such as armed conflicts, neglect or natural disasters. The collaborative effort also collected over 70 canned good items for the Red Cross.

Kappa Alpha Psi Keeper of Records, Rowshayne Green, sophomore in open option, said he was delighted by groups' efforts to raise money for the relief efforts.

"Kappa Alpha Psi and the other organizations were overwhelmed by how much the students and faculty were willing to give," he said.

Members of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Lutheran Campus Ministries, Ecumenical Campus Ministries and Individuals for Free Thought have manned a booth in the K-State Student Union since last Friday to rally support for these organizations and give community members a place to donate to their cause. They were even equipped to take donations for debit and credit cards directly



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ABOVE: Money is collected for victims of the recent earthquake in Haiti. **LEFT:** Tyrone Williams Jr., sophomore in theatre, looks over information given out by the support group after making a donation to the drive in the Union on Wednesday afternoon.

to Doctors Without Borders via their Web site doctorswithout-borders.org.

Green said today is the last day the groups will be taking

donations for Doctors Without Borders. Donations will be collected from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Union.

CRASH | Students encourage use of seatbelts for safe driving

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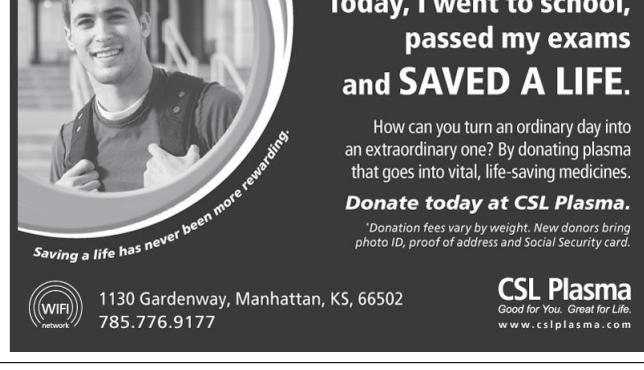
journalism and public relations, had to be taken to the hospital because her head was cut open.

"The doctors were so nice about it, even being a K-State student wearing my K-State letter jacket. They made jokes to keep it light, but they were really nice and took really good care of me," Carr said.

Carr was released from the hospital about three and a half hours following the wreck. After a CT scan, the doctors removed the glass from the wound and stitched her head closed.

Damage to Record's car and Carr's hospital bills are being covered by insurance. All three of the people who were in the car are thankful for the situation was handled, and they have come out of the wreck with a new perspective.

"I am one of those people who are lazy about wearing their seat belts, I know it's cliché but my parents are EMTs and they say it is not often people hit concrete and come out unscathed," Wolf said. "Wear your seatbelts and be safe."



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